

## **ENTERIC RHYTHM MANAGEMENT**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

At least one of a plurality of gastrointestinal disorders is treated by stimulating an  
5 enteric nervous system of a patient to enhance a functional tone of the enteric nervous  
system. A treatment includes electrically stimulating a vagus nerve of the patient at a  
stimulation site proximal to at least one site of vagal innervation of a gastrointestinal  
organ. The electrical stimulation includes applying a stimulation signal at the stimulation  
site. An optional proximal electrical blocking signal is applied to the vagus nerve at a  
10 proximal blocking site proximal to the stimulation site. The proximal blocking signal is  
selected to at least partially block nerve impulses at the proximal blocking site.